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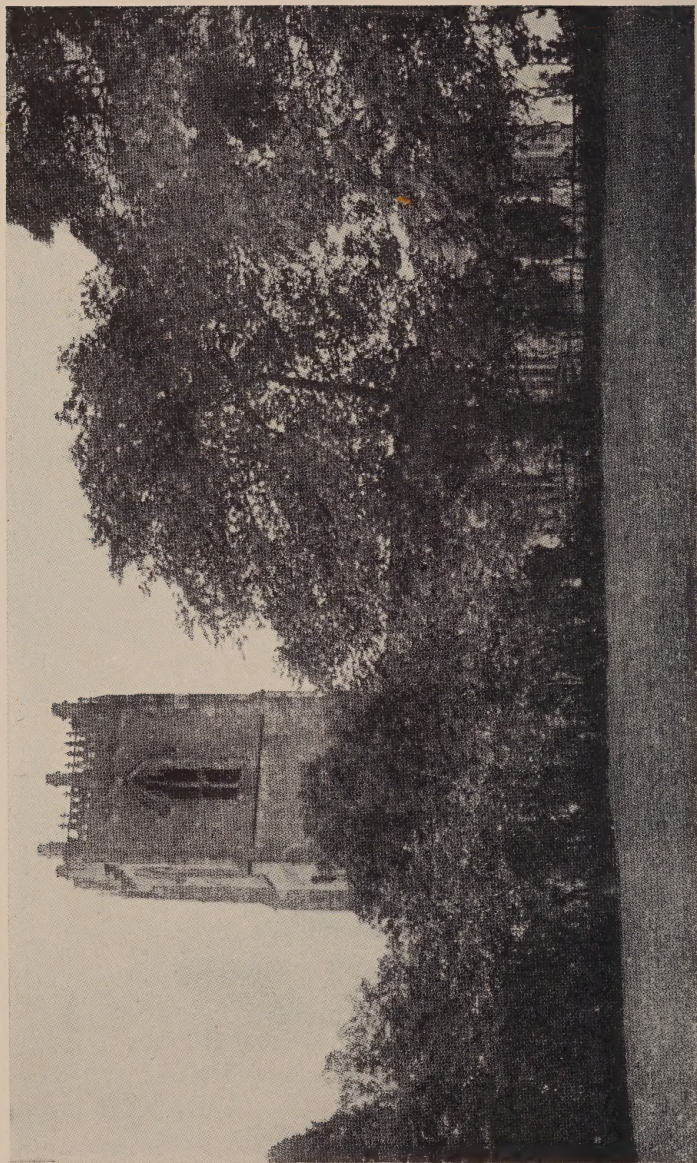




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CHURCH AT HOLME-ON-SPALDING-MOOR, YORK COUNTY, ENGLAND

In this church, Simon Crosby, the Emigrant, and his ancestors worshipped.

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## PREFACE

This genealogical line is probably authentic back to the year 1440. Prior to that date the ancestry is somewhat nebulous, but, if one cares to speculate, there are records of many Crosbys from which to choose.

The home of the early Crosbys was Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, in York County, England. They were yeomen, and their descendants have no claim to a family coat-of-arms, although there are various Crosby coats-of-arms. Enough is to their credit that the Crosbys were, as a rule, men of substance, integrity and strong religious beliefs.

In this compilation, published primarily for my family and relatives, there is a very limited amount of original research.

For information regarding the early Crosbys, acknowledgment is made to the publication in 1914, by Eleanor Davis Crosby, entitled "Simon Crosby the Emigrant," and to the records of the First Church in Brewster, Massachusetts.

ALBERT HUTCHINGS CROSBY

Hartford, Connecticut,  
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1. JOHN CROSBY, of Stillingfleet and Alne, Yorkshire, England, born about 1440; died in 1502; married before 1470, wife unknown.

CHILDREN, NAMED IN HIS WILL

- i. John, born about 1470
- ii. Emme, living in 1502
- iii. Agnes, living in 1502
- iv. Robert, born about 1475
- v. Richard, born about 1478
- vi. William, born about 1480
2. vii. MILES, born about 1483

*The will of John Crosby of Styllingfleyte, dated 20 Apr. 1502. To be buried in the choir of the parish church of Styllingfleyte. To the church of Styllingfleyte 10s. and to the church of Alne 5s. For masses in the church of Styllingfleyte £4. To the four orders of Brothers of York 2s. To my son John 6s. 8d. To my son Richard ten sheep, two calves, and 20s. To my daughters Emme and Agnes 6s. 8d. each. To my son Robert 20s. To my son Miles the remainder of all the years which I have in a house called Gyhowse lying in Flawath, with the appurtenances. To John Crosby, son of Robert Crosby, a house called Boyhowse lying in Flawath, with appurtenances. All residue of goods to my sons William and Miles, they to be executors. Witness, John Myln, chaplain. Proved 8 June 1502 by William Crosby one of the executors named, power reserved for the other. (Prerogative and Exchequer of York Wills, vol. 6, fol. 29. Translated from the Latin.)*

2. MILES CROSBY, one of the executors of his father's will, born about 1483; death not found; married, date and wife unknown.

In 1538, among the names of a muster roll of able-bodied males between the ages of 16 and 60 taken in Yorkshire, were Archer, Miles Crosbe, a bowe; Archer, Thomas Crosbe, a bowe; Archer, Wylliam

Crosbe, a bowe. These probably were the above Miles and his two sons.

## CHILDREN

3. i. THOMAS, born about 1510
- ii. William

3. THOMAS CROSBY, born about 1510; buried at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, March 16, 1558/9; married about 1542 Widow Jannett Bell. She died 1568/9, leaving a will in which she named her son Anthony.

In the name of God Amen, the fyft day of November in the yeare of our Lord god a thousand fyve hundrethe threscore and eight, I Janett Crosbye of Gripthorpe, of hole mynd and  $\frac{x}{x}$ fytt memorye make this my last will and testament in this worlde in forme hereafter followinge:

First I bequeathe my soull to almyghtie god my creator and redemer beseching him most hartlie to have mercie upon me, and my bodye to be buryed w<sup>th</sup>in the  $\frac{x}{x}$ ishe church yeard of Bubwithe. Itm I gyve to the verye nedye poure folkes of this  $\frac{x}{x}$ ishe one mett rye to be devyded amongs them. Itm I give to John\* my sonne iii<sup>th</sup> youngest children one gymber sheringe. Itm I gyve to Myles my sonne my lease and good will of my farmehold after my decease. Itm I gyve to Katheren Myllington one gymber sheringe. Itm I gyve to Nicholas Crosbye my sonne one chist w<sup>ch</sup> was his fathers and my best brasse pott, willinge that he shali gyve to Anthony his brother v s. Itm I gyve to Myles my sonne one quarter wheate, wishinge him to be goode to his other brethren. Itm I gyve to Rauf my sone one yearinge whye. Itm I gyve to Rauf, Anthony, and Nicholas, my sonnes, half one Close at Harlthorpe called the Whyn Close, that is to say Nicholas to occupie the one half and Anthony and Rauf the other half duringe the terme of the Lease. The rest of my goods not legat, my detts paid my bodye buryed and this my last will fullfilled, I gyve to Myles, Anthonye, Rauf, and Nicholas my sonnes, whom I mak my executors. Thes witness, Thomas Blansharde, John Gower, John Webster, Clarke, and John Willmson, with other mo. Prob. 9 May 1569 by Miles and Ralph, sones of the deceased, executors named in the will, power reserved for son Nicholas, coexecutor, when he shall demand it. (Prerogative and Exchequer of York Wills, vol. 18, fol. 49.) The name of Anthony Crosby was accidentally omitted in record of probate.

The Reformation, the destruction of the Spanish Armada and the establishment of England as a world power were some of the events that occurred during the lifetime of Thomas Crosby.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Miles, born about 1543
4. ii. ANTHONY, born about 1545
- iii. Ralph, born about 1547
- iv. Nicholas, born about 1550

4. ANTHONY CROSBY, born about 1545; died in 1599; married about 1570 Alison ———, whose parentage is unknown.

Anthony Crosby lived at the time of the dissensions among the Protestants, and his son Thomas and grandson Simon participated in the Puritan movement which led to their emigration to America.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Ellen, born about 1571; married George Westobie, of Weldrake, County York
5. ii. THOMAS, born about 1575

His will is as follows:

In dei noie Amenn, I Anthonye Crosbye of Wheldrake in the dyocessee of Yorke, sicke of bodye yet of sound and pfecte memorye and understandinge, the almighty god be therefore prayseed, doe make my last wyll and testament in maner as followeth. Firstly I commend my soule unto the handes of almighty god who by his sonne Jesus Christ hatth created and redeemed me, and my bodye to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Wheldrake, as myne executors shall directe. Nextlye I geve and bequeathe unto Thomas Crosbye my sonne all and singular my landes whatsoever lyinge and being in Holme in Spaldingmore and in the libertyes thereof, to him and his heyres for ever. Also I geve unto the said Thomas my sonne j yoke of my best Oxen which he wyll chuse and my base wayne with yoakes and teames to serve four oxen. Also I give to Alysonn Crosbye my wife my close in Wheldrake called Leonard Scayles close for ev; also I give to the

said Alysonn my wife two of my best kyne. Also I give to the said Thomas Crosbye my sonne my yonge blacke mayre, my bridle, and my sadle. Also I give to Luke Westobye, Willm Westobye, John Westobye, Thomas Westobye, and Richard Westobye, children of George Westobye of Wheldrake, Tenn pounds to be in equall ptes devided amonge them whenn they comme to the full age of one and twentye yeares, or to be bound apprentices to some good trade or occupaconn, so that myne executors maye thenn be lawfullye dischargded and acquitted thereof. Also I geve to Richard Jacksonn my servnte twentye pence so y he be diligent and trustie to his service this yeare followinge, otherwise to succease. Also I give to Isabell Stevenson my mayd servnte twentie pence. Also I give to poore people of Wheldrake ten shillinges to be distributed amonge them, after the discretionn of Georg Howsemann there curate and Robte Wynterburne. The reste of my goodes and cattells unbequeathed I give to Alysonn Crosbye my wife and Thomas Crosbye my sonne, they discharging my debtes and funerall expences, whome I make executors of this my laste [torn] and testamente.

Witnesses hereof and at the sealing, John Blansherd, Robte. Winterburne, Richard Butler, George Howseman. Prob. 7 March 1599-1600 by the executors. (Copied from Original Will in Prerogative and Exchequer Court of York; also registered in vol. 28, fol. 65.)

5. THOMAS CROSBY, born in Holme-on-Spalding-Moor about 1575; died at Rowley, Massachusetts, May 6, 1661; married in Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, England, October 19, 1600, to Jane Sotheron, daughter of William and Constance (Lambert) Sotheron. She was baptized March 4, 1581, at Holme, and died 1662 in Rowley, Massachusetts.

The date of Thomas Crosby's arrival in this country is uncertain. Having been preceded by his son Simon and grandson Thomas, he located in Cambridge and then moved to Rowley, Massachusetts.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Anthony, born about 1602
- ii. Thomas, born about 1604
- iii. William, born about 1606
6. iv. SIMON, born about 1608

6. SIMON CROSBY, born in Holme about 1608; died at Cambridge, Massachusetts, September, 1639; married in Holme April 21, 1634, Anne Brigham, daughter of Thomas and Isabel (Watson) Brigham. She was born about 1606, and married (2) in 1645, Rev. William Tompson, of Braintree, Massachusetts, where she died October 11, 1675.

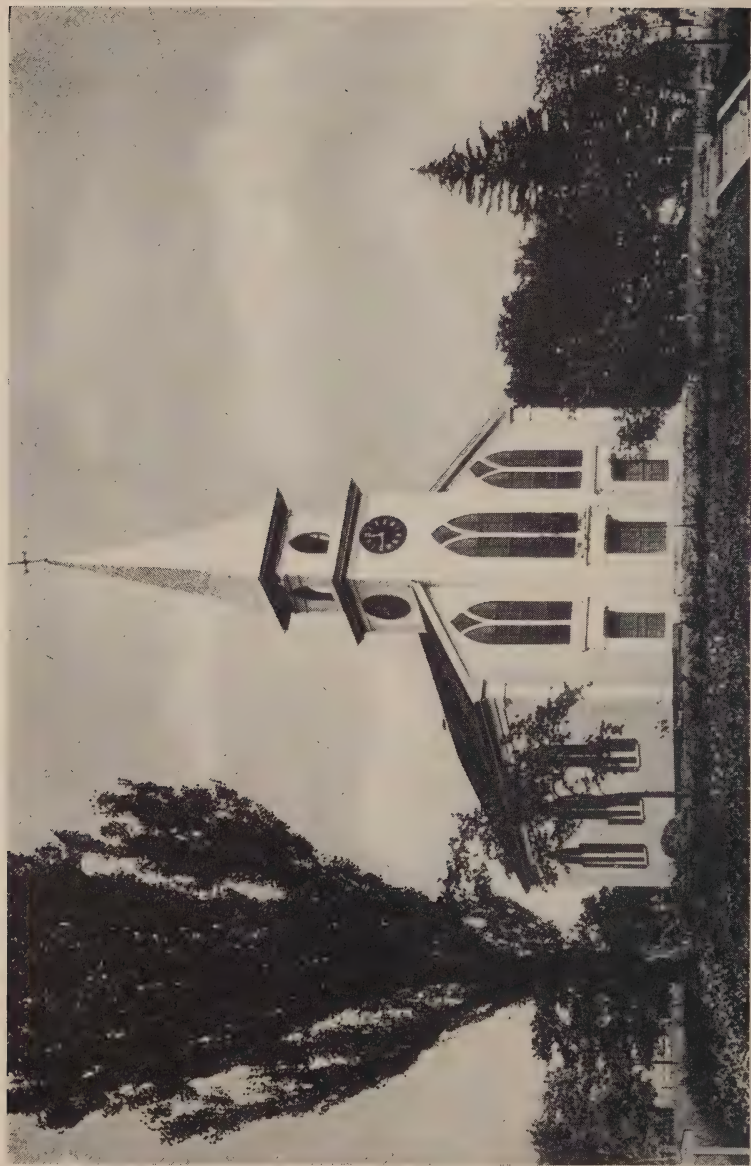
Simon Crosby left England with his wife Anne and infant son Thomas, embarking April 18, 1635, in the *Susan and Ellen*. He arrived in Boston in July of that year and located at Cambridge in a house which had been built about three years before by a company under Rev. Thomas Hooker, who later removed to Connecticut. He was admitted freeman March 3, 1635/6.

#### CHILDREN

7. i. REV. THOMAS CROSBY, baptized in Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, February 26, 1634/5
- ii. Simon, born at Cambridge, August, 1637
- iv. Joseph, born at Cambridge, February, 1638/9

7. REV. THOMAS CROSBY, baptized in Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, February 26, 1634/5; died at Boston, June 27, 1702; married about 1662, Sarah ————. She married (2) about 1704, as his second wife, John Miller, of Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Rev. Thomas Crosby graduated from Harvard College in 1653 (see Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard College, by Sibley, Vol. 1 (1542-



FIRST CHURCH, BREWSTER, MASS.  
Organized 1700

1658), pp. 322, 358, 382, 554). He was engaged in 1655 by the church in Eastham, Massachusetts, to conduct public services on Lord's Day at a yearly salary of fifty pounds. Although never ordained, he continued as minister there until 1670. Subsequently he became a merchant in Harwich, Massachusetts, and the author of a number of religious books.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Thomas, born April 7, 1663
8. ii. SIMON, born July 5, 1665
- iii. Sarah, born March 24, 1666/7; married,
- iv. about 1693, Silas Sears, of Yarmouth  
Joseph, born January 27, 1668/9
- v. ———, twin of John, born December  
4, 1670
- vi. John, born December 4, 1670
- vii. William, born March, 1672/3
- viii. Ebenezer, born March 28, 1675
- ix. Anne, born April 14, 1678; married  
William Luse
- x. Mercy, born April 14, 1678
- xi. Increase, born April 14, 1678
- xii. Eleazer, born March 31, 1680

8. SIMON CROSBY, born July 5, 1665; died January 19, 1718; married August 27, 1691, to Mary Nickerson.

On October 26, 1700, Simon and his brother Thomas Crosby were two of the eight organizers of the First Church in Brewster, Massachusetts.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Samuel, born July 11, 1692
- ii. Elizabeth, born September 15, 1693
- iii. Thomas, admitted to church membership  
October 20, 1717



MAIN STREET, CENTERVILLE, MASS.

- iv. Anna, admitted to church membership  
September 27, 1719
- v. Sarah, admitted to church membership  
January 20, 1720
- vi. John, born April 13, 1701
- vii. Hannah, born January 30, 1703/4
- 9. viii. DANIEL, born December 9, 1705
- ix. Mercy, born May 4, 1707
- x. Ebenezer, born February 20, 1708
- xi. Moses, born June 11, 1710
- xii. Increase, born February 24, 1711/12

(In the will of Simon Crosby, recorded in the Barnstable, Mass., Court House, are mentioned, relationship not stated, Mary and Nathaniel.)

9. DANIEL CROSBY, born December 9, 1705; died after 1744; married August 28, 1731, to Ruth Cole.

#### CHILDREN

- 10. i. JESSE, baptized March 18, 1732/3
- ii. Enoch, baptized November 11, 1733
- iii. Hannah, baptized August 19, 1739
- iv. Enoch, baptized June 13, 1742
- v. Ebenezer, baptized April 22, 1744

10. JESSE CROSBY, baptized March 18, 1732/3, in Brewster, Massachusetts; died February 24, 1804; married November 27, 1760, to Ruth Goodspeed.

When a lad, Jesse Crosby moved from Brewster to Centerville (then called Chequaquet), and made his home with Jesse Lewis who later gave him a piece of land "under the hill." He was the owner of a grist mill in Centerville. His gravestone still stands in the old cemetery there.



SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Centerville, Mass.

Referring, perhaps, to Jesse and his sons is a familiar rhyme, variously rendered:

Below the hill there was a mill,  
For want of water it stood still,  
And when it turned, it made no noise,  
Because 'twas built by the Crosby boys.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Nathan
- ii. James
- iii. Allen
- iv. Jesse
- v. Daniel
- 11. vi. LEWIS, born June 26, 1773
- vii. Samuel
- viii. Mercy
- ix. Deborah
- x. Ruth

11. LEWIS CROSBY, born June 26, 1773; died July 12, 1841; married April 4, 1800, to Abigail Lewis.

On his gravestone, which stands back of the South Congregational Church in Centerville, is inscribed the following: "An affectionate husband, a kind and indulgent parent, an exemplary and beloved brother of the church, a friend of the poor, a warm advocate for peace, temperance, and the abolition of slavery, highly esteemed in life and deeply lamented in death. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

#### CHILDREN

- i. Wilson
- ii. Alvin
- iii. Abigail

- 12.   iv. DARIUS, born October, 1808
  - v. Olive
  - vi. Philander
  - vii. Lewis
  - ix. Hilman
  - x. Lurana
  - xi. Sarah

12. DARIUS CROSBY, born in October, 1808; died in Hartford, Connecticut, July 9, 1883, and buried back of the South Congregational Church in Centerville, Massachusetts; married (1) Nancy G. Crocker, who died in West Barnstable, Massachusetts, June 8, 1831, aged 21; married (2), in Barnstable, January 9, 1834, to Caroline Lewis, daughter of James and Mercy (Crowell) Lewis, of Yarmouth, Massachusetts. She was born October 6, 1813, in Yarmouth and died May 27, 1882, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Darius Crosby was a merchant and a ship owner and master in Centerville. He owned the cargo schooners *Vermont*, *Utica* and *Leonora*, and the cargo sloop *White Wings*, trading between Cape Cod, Boston and Hartford. About 1856 he permanently located in Hartford and bought out the grocery and ship chandlery store of J. M. Bunce & Company. Later he took his son George into partnership and the firm was known as D. Crosby & Son.

For many years Darius Crosby served as Deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church in Hartford.



DARIUS CROSBY AND CAROLINE (LEWIS) CROSBY



HOME OF DARIUS CROSBY  
Centerville, Mass.

L. No. 929 HARTFORD, 5<sup>th</sup> December 1834

Received of Capt Crosby Ten Dollars,

being the Amount of Toll due the Union Company for the passing in

Connecticut River of the Schooner Vermont of Boston

whereof is Master Daniel Crosby from Hartford

than six feet to Mattelone drawing more

than six inches of Water

Samuel R. Dickinson Collector.

## CHILDREN OF DARIUS CROSBY

- i. Nancy
- ii. Leonora
- 13. iii. GEORGE ELLERY, born May 1, 1838

13. GEORGE ELLERY CROSBY, born in Centerville May 1, 1838; died in Hartford, Connecticut, May 8, 1909; married in Boston, Massachusetts, January 1, 1862, to Clara Jane Hutchings, daughter of William C. and Clarissa (Sawyer) Hutchings, of Maine. She was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 3, 1840, and died in Hartford, Connecticut, September 13, 1926.

### CHILDREN

- 14a. i. LESTER DARIUS, born November 19, 1863
- 14b. ii. NELLIE RICH, born March 15, 1867
- 14c. iii. ALBERT HUTCHINGS, born December 21, 1868
- 14d. iv. CARRIE MAY, born April 21, 1871
- 14e. v. GEORGE ELLERY, JR., born December 3, 1877
- 14f. vi. HOWARD LEWIS, born November 13, 1879

14a. LESTER DARIUS CROSBY, born November 19, 1863; died April 20, 1923; married January 30, 1899, to Bertha Emma Lutz, who died January 5, 1929.

### CHILDREN

- 15a. i. ADELAIDE MAY, born December 30, 1892
- 15b. ii. JACOB CARL, born February 13, 1894
- iii. Mildred Josephine, born June 7, 1903; died October 18, 1918



GEORGE ELLERY CROSBY



CLARA JANE (HUTCHINGS) CROSBY



FAMILY GROUP OF GEORGE ELLERY AND CLARA JANE (HUTCHINGS) CROSBY

Carrie May	Lester Darius	George Ellery, Jr.	Howard Lewis	Nellie Rich
(Mrs. Dwight Chapman)		Albert Hutchings		(Mrs. Edgar D. Clark)

14b. NELLIE RICH CROSBY, born March 15, 1867; married June 4, 1890, to Edgar D. Clark.

CHILDREN

- 15c. i. ALCY CROSBY, born April 6, 1891
- 15d. ii. DOROTHY LUCILLE, born June 19, 1894

14c. ALBERT HUTCHINGS CROSBY, born in Hartford, Connecticut, December 21, 1868; married (1) in Hartford, Connecticut, November 20, 1895, to Jennie Louise Turner, who was born February 8, 1874, and died May 5, 1899; married (2) in Simsbury, Connecticut, September 24, 1901, to Julia Abigail Case.

CHILDREN

By First Wife

- 15e. i. RUTH ELIZABETH, born March 15, 1897

By Second Wife

- 15f. ii. HILDA CHAFFEE, born September 14, 1902
- 15g. iii. ELEANOR HUTCHINGS, born March 14, 1914

14d. CARRIE MAY CROSBY, born April 21, 1871; married January 11, 1893, to Dwight Chapman, who died June 16, 1927.

CHILDREN

- 15h. i. RUSSELL COMSTOCK, born June 1, 1896
- 15i. ii. STUART HUTCHINGS, born April 20, 1904

14e. GEORGE ELLERY CROSBY, JR., born December 3, 1877; died October 11, 1928; married (1), June 7, 1906, Adelaide May Loomis, who died July 17, 1925; married (2) September 1, 1926, to Daisy Gordon Stewart. No children by either marriage.

14f. HOWARD LEWIS CROSBY, born November 13, 1879; died December 15, 1935; married March 25, 1903, to Anna Emma Fritz. He served in the Spanish-American War.

#### CHILD

- 15j. i. CLARA DOROTHEA, born June 26, 1909

15a. ADELAIDE MAY CROSBY, born December 30, 1892; married, April 22, 1922, Arthur George Smith, Chemical Engineer, who graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic, 1912. No children.

15b. JACOB CARL CROSBY, born February 13, 1894; married October 22, 1921, to Ethel Louise Kuebler.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Howard Lester, born October 26, 1923  
ii. Edward Alvin, born February 21, 1929

15c. ALCY CROSBY CLARK, born April 6, 1891; married October 7, 1916, to Irwin Simpson Jourdan, who graduated from Yale University in 1904, with a degree of Ph.B. She graduated from Smith College in 1912 with degree of A.B.

CHILD

- i. Donn Clark, born February 23, 1927

15d. DOROTHY LUCILLE CLARK, born June 19, 1894; married April 26, 1919, to Oliver Mills Hayden. She graduated from Smith College in 1917 with the degree of A.B.

CHILDREN

- i. Jane Owen, born February 16, 1920
- ii. Edgar Clark, born August 19, 1923; died July 7, 1930

15e. RUTH ELIZABETH CROSBY, born March 15, 1897; married August 13, 1921, to G. Kingsley Noble, who graduated from Harvard in 1917 with a degree of A.B., in 1918 an A.M., and in 1922 Columbia Ph.D. He served as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve during the World War. She graduated from Wellesley in 1918 with degree of A.B., and in 1932 Columbia A.M.

CHILDREN

- i. G. Kingsley, Jr., born November 10, 1923
- ii. Alan Crosby, born September 5, 1926

15f. HILDA CHAFFEE CROSBY, born September 14, 1902; married June 25, 1936, to Erland Myles Standish, who graduated from Wesleyan in 1918 with degree of A.B., and from Harvard in 1922 with degree of M.D. She graduated from Wellesley in 1924 with degree of A.B. and in 1928 from Cornell with degree of M.D.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Nancy Welles, born September 29, 1937
- ii. Erland Myles, Jr., born March 5, 1939

15g. ELEANOR HUTCHINGS CROSBY, born March 14, 1914; married August 21, 1937, Arthur Clark Stevens, who graduated from Cornell in 1930 with degree of B.S. She graduated from Wellesley in 1937 with degree of A.B.

15h. RUSSELL COMSTOCK CHAPMAN, born June 1, 1896; married August 10, 1918, to Ruth Wandless. He served as Lieutenant with 23rd Infantry A. E. F. from September, 1917, to June, 1918. Assigned Machine Gun Schools, Camp Hancock, Georgia, until resignation as Captain December, 1918.

#### CHILDREN

- i. Barbara, born January 23, 1924
- ii. Dwight Crosby, born June 5, 1929

15i. STUART HUTCHINGS CHAPMAN, born April 20, 1904; married, June 27, 1930, Lois Allen Olds. He graduated from University of Maine in 1927 with degree of B.S.

CHILDREN

- i. John Dwight, born August 23, 1932
- ii. Sarah Olds, born June 13, 1935
- iii. James Wagner, born September 30, 1937

15j. CLARA DOROTHEA CROSBY, born June 26, 1909; married April 25, 1931, to Robert A. Howe. She graduated from Wellesley in 1931 with degree of A.B.

CHILDREN

- i. Robert Adams, born March 26, 1934
- ii. Carol, born August 26, 1936



## NOTES

In Centerville, Cape Cod, some have claimed that Jesse Crosby, born 1732/3 and listed as number 10 in this record, was son of Ebenezer Crosby, 2d, of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and grandson of Ebenezer Crosby who was born March 28, 1675. This may be discounted by the fact that Ebenezer Crosby, 2d, married Mehitable Baker on January 10, 1734, two years after the birth of Jesse.

Descendants of Jesse Crosby may qualify for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, or Daughters of the American Revolution, in right of his recorded enlistment as a private in Captain Lovell's Company, Freeman's Regiment. In October, 1777, he served twenty-eight days on a secret expedition to Tiverton, Rhode Island, as well as a few days during a threatened raid by the British at Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Descendants of Clara Jane (Hutchings) Crosby may qualify in the Sons, or Daughters, of the American Revolution through her great grandfather, Samuel Sawyer, or Sayer, who served as Captain in the Revolutionary War. Captain Samuel Sawyer had a son Samuel, whose daughter Clarissa married William C. Hutchings, and their daughter was Clara Jane Hutchings who married George Ellery Crosby.

Descendants of Caroline (Lewis) Crosby may qualify for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants in right of John Howland and John Tilley, as shown below:

1st Generation. John Howland married Elizabeth Tilley, daughter of John Tilley

2nd Generation. Desire Howland married Captain John Gorham

3rd Generation. James Gorham married Hannah Huckins

4th Generation. John Gorham married Ann Brown

5th Generation. Mercy Gorham married Ebenezer Crowell

6th Generation. Edmond Crowell married Mehit-able Baxter

7th Generation. Mercy Crowell married James Lewis

8th Generation. Caroline Lewis married Darius Crosby

At the time of the American Revolution, a number of Crosbys migrated from Eastern Massachusetts to Canada and many of them settled in Nova Scotia.

By permission the following is printed from data gathered by the *Media Research Bureau*: "The name Crosby, of Danish origin, signifies 'The Place of the

Cross' and is variously spelled de (of) Crosby, Crossebye, Crossby, Crosseby, Crosbie, Crosbi, Crossbie, Crossbee, Crossbye, Crosbye, Crossbee, Crosbey, Crossbeye, Crossbey, Crossbeye.

Scattered through the early records of England are occasional references to notables bearing the name. In 1205 Odo de Crosby, of Yorkshire, is mentioned as agent for the King. In the reign of Henry III (about 1220), Simon de Crosseby is referred to as a property holder at Crosseby, in Lancashire, and this Simon is generally considered the common ancestor of the New England branch of the family.

Other early records of the family in England include those of Galfredus, or Geoffrey de Crosseby, of Lincolnshire, in 1273 and 1274; those of John de Crosseby, King's clerk, who was in Westmoreland County in 1316, in Essex and Hertford about 1318, and in York in 1324; those of Thomas de Crosseby, of Lancashire, in 1318; those of Gilbert de Crosseby, 'Custos Feodorum' of Edward, Prince of Wales, in 1349; those of John de Crosseby, who journeyed into Scotland in 1358; those of Sir John Crosby, Knight, Alderman of London and Lord of the Manor of Hanworth, who died before 1575, leaving a son named John, of London, who had a son John, the father, about the year 1410, of another Sir John Crosby; those of Thomas, Robertus and Walterus de Crosseby, of Yorkshire, in 1415; and those of Richard Crosby, of Coventry, in 1427."



## MEMORANDA

### *Addition:*

PAGE 26. ARTHUR CLARK STEVENS, JR., born April 3, 1940, son of Arthur Clark Stevens and Eleanor Crosby Stevens.

### *Omissions:*

PAGE 26. RUTH WANDLESS, graduated from Wellesley College in 1918 with degree of A.B.

PAGE 27. LOIS ALLEN OLDS, graduated from Wheaton College in 1930 with degree of A.B.

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One of the most ancient and most frequently used (with numerous variations) of the many coats of arms of the English families of Crosbie and Crosby is that described as follows (Burke, *General Armory*, 1884):

*Arms.* — “Sable, a chevron ermine between three rams passant argent.”



Crosby













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